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#### (U) CALIFORNIA

## (U) Foresthill - Man Arrested After Shooting at Law Enforcement

(U) A man was taken into custody last night after an eight-and-a-half hour long standoff that included the suspect threatening others with a shotgun, then firing at police helicopters and armored vehicles from his barricaded home. Nearby residents were evacuated as a precaution and SWAT and negotiators were called to the scene, resulting in Shepherd's eventual arrest before 11 pm on charges of assault with a deadly weapon on a peace officer.

SOURCE: 5 April 2017, KCRA 3

#### (U) San Gabriel – Feds Raid Locations over Visa-Fraud Scheme

(U) The FBI and federal immigration agents searched offices in San Gabriel and homes in Arcadia and South El Monte yesterday for evidence related to an alleged \$50 million visa fraud scheme which gave green cards to Chinese nationals, including some on China's most wanted list. The alleged scheme is thought to have begun in 2008 and exploited investors through the use of the EB-5 visa program, according to officials. Although two suspects have been identified, no arrests have been made. SOURCE: 5 April 2017, San Gabriel Valley Tribune

#### (U) NATIONAL

#### (U) District of Columbia – US Trade Group Hacked With Chinese Software Ahead of Xi Summit

(U) Washington – A hacking group identified by cybersecurity firm Fidelis as APT10 broke into the website of a private US trade group ahead of the summit between President Trump and Chinese President Xi Jinping. The malicious link—which would have deployed Spyware called Scanbox—was found five weeks ago on the signup page of the National Foreign Trade Council. The Spyware has only been used by groups associated with the Chinese government, according to researchers at Fidelis. SOURCE: 6 April 2017, Reuters

#### (U) Michigan – Two Men Linked to Multi-State Drug Operation

(U) Detroit- Federal officials have charged two men in connection to a drug smuggling operation that shipped cocaine and heroin from Los Angeles to Detroit. The charges come after the arrest of a drug courier who was arrested on 7 March and confessed to her role in the operation. An LA man has also been arrested in connection with the scheme, and a Michigan man is currently a wanted fugitive. SOURCE: 5 April 2017, The Detroit News

## (U) Nevada – MIT Grad Faces Terrorism Charges

(U) Las Vegas – Nicolai Howard Mork, 40, was indicted yesterday on charges of terrorism and unlawful acts related to weapons of mass destruction, according to prosecutors. Mork also faces charges of possession of an explosive or incendiary device with intent to manufacture, possession of a firearm with an altered serial number, and possession of a silencer. A prosecutor said Mork was found with chemicals strong enough to penetrate a military tank.

SOURCE: 5 April 2017, Las Vegas Review Journal

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### (U) INTERNATIONAL

#### (U) Germany – Government Launches New Military Unit to Combat Cyberattacks

(U) Berlin – Germany's Defense Minister announced yesterday that Germany plans to bring a new military cybersecurity unit fully operational by 2021, bringing together some 13,500 soldiers and civilian information technology experts. The defensive measure comes as a response to what the Defense Ministry says are thousands of cyberattacks of varying degrees of severity on military servers every day. SOURCE: 5 April 2017, Associated Press

#### (U) Russia - Six Arrested in St. Petersburg on Suspicion of Terrorism Links

(U) St. Petersburg – Russian authorities arrested six individuals yesterday suspected of recruiting "mostly immigrants from the republics of Central Asia to commit crimes of a terrorist nature and involvement in the activities of terrorist organizations (including ISIS) banned in Russia," said Russia's Investigative Committee, adding that the suspects are not so-far tied to the subway bombing. Law enforcement also raided the suspects' homes and reportedly uncovered extremist Islamist literature.

SOURCE: 5 April 2017, <u>Deutsche Welle</u>

## (U) Russia - Russian Police Arrest Three Suspected of Links to Subway Bombing

(U) St. Petersburg – Russian security agents arrested three people suspected of links to a suicide bomber accused of attacking the city's subway, and deactivated an explosive device found in the apartment where they lived. The Investigative Committee said in a released statement that—like subway bomber Akbarzhon Dzhalilov—the three suspects were from Kyrgyzstan.

SOURCE: 6 April 2017, <u>Associated Press</u>

### (U) Sweden – UK and Swedish Watchdogs Warn of International Cyberattack

(U) Karlstad – A large-scale cyberattack from a group called Cloud Hopper, part of an organization called APT10, has been uncovered, according to Sweden's Civil Contingencies Agency. The attack targeted managed service providers in numerous countries—including Sweden and the US—to gain access to internal networks since at least May 2016, according to a collaborative investigation by the UK's National Cyber Security Center, PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC), and BAE Systems.

SOURCE: 5 April 2017, Reuters

#### (U) Syria – ISIS Kills 33 People Execution-Style in Syria; 22 in Iraq Attack

(U) Deir Ezzor – ISIS killed 33 individuals between ages 18 and 25 with "sharp tools" in the al-Mayadin desert near Deir Ezzor yesterday in what—according to the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights—is the largest such operation by ISIS in 2017. The executions follow an earlier attack in Tikrit, Iraq, in which ISIS suicide bombers dressed in military uniforms indiscriminately attacked civilians and police in a busy commercial street, killing 22 and wounding 31.

SOURCE: 6 April 2017, CNN

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